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H.R. No. 483

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Wise County are visiting Austin on
2 February 21, 2017, to celebrate Wise County Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Located in the northwestern part of the state, Wise
5 County was established on January 23, 1856; the county was carved
6 out of Cooke County by legislative act and named in honor of Henry
7 A. Wise, a U.S. congressman from Virginia who had supported the
8 annexation of Texas; at the same time as it created Wise County, the
9 legislature decreed that its county seat be established within five
10 miles of the county's center, and two years later that new community
11 became known as Decatur, after the naval hero Stephen Decatur; and

12 WHEREAS, The eastern fork of the Chisholm Trail passed near
13 Decatur during the latter half of the 19th century, and the town
14 prospered as a shipping point and market for local farmers; today,
15 it is a center for natural gas production, specialty carbon and
16 graphite manufacturing, and health care, as well as marketing and
17 processing for area agribusiness; and

18 WHEREAS, Decatur is also home to some of the best
19 professional rodeo cowboys and bull riders in the world; among the
20 champions who live or train in the community are three-time
21 Professional Bull Riders World Champion Silvano Alves, PBR World
22 Champions Mike Lee and Guilherme Marchi, PBR Rookies of the Year
23 Joao Ricardo Vieira and Kaique Pacheco, and nine-time National
24 Finals Rodeo finalist steer wrestler K. C. Jones, as well as the

1 most decorated rodeo cowboy of all time, with 23 world
2 championships and 13 all-around titles, Trevor Brazile; the famed
3 Cooper family of rodeo cowboys also lives in Decatur, including the
4 patriarch and Texas Rodeo Hall of Famer Roy Cooper; and

5 WHEREAS, Visitors are drawn by such historic attractions as
6 the Waggoner Mansion, the Wise County Heritage Museum, the Wise
7 County Veterans Park, and the pink granite Wise County Courthouse,
8 which was completed in 1896; Wise County is home to a variety of
9 recreational opportunities provided by Lake Bridgeport, Eagle
10 Mountain Lake, and the Caddo-Lyndon B. Johnson National Grasslands;
11 in addition, area residents commemorate their heritage with the
12 annual Butterfield Stage Days Festival in May, the Wise County Old
13 Settlers Reunion in July, and the Chisholm Trail Days and Western
14 Heritage Festival in September; and

15 WHEREAS, Celebrating their history as they embrace the
16 opportunities of the future, the citizens of Wise County take great
17 pride in their community, and it is indeed fitting to honor their
18 unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize February 21, 2017, as Wise County Day
22 at the State Capitol and extend best wishes to the visiting
23 delegation for a meaningful and memorable stay in Austin.